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BULGARIAN POLITICAL AFFAIRS: PETKOV, ChOLAKOV, BOSWALL, "ShELK", KIRSANOV, BIRYuzOV (1945)

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[3 parts of a multi-part message]

[i]

[PART II] In this conversation PETKOV[ii] suggested to ChOLAKOV[iii]

[11 groups unrecovered].

ChOLAKOV gave his consent to this and said that he would submit his resignation at the [B% Ministerial] Council at

[22 groups unrecovered]

[198 groups unrecoverable]

[PART *]

[75 groups unrecoverable]

[193 groups unrecovered].

[Final
Part]

[16 groups unrecovered]

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his threat. A careerist,

[2 groups unrecovered]

[45 groups unrecoverable]

BOSWALL [BOSWELL][iv] in the RILA [RYL'SKIJ] Monastery[v]. In our opinion and likewise in the opinion of "[1 group unidentified]" and of "ShELK"[vi] [5 groups unrecovered] for the Fatherland Front [7 groups unrecovered] in the opinion of KIRSANOV[vii] and BIRYuzOV[viii] will considerably weaken the position of the USSR in BULGARIA.

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[i]

Footnotes: [i] Addressee and signatory unrecovered or unrecoverable.

- ✓ [ii] PETKOV: Nikola PETKOV, leader of the Independent Agrarians, BULGARIA; appointed Minister in the Fatherland Front Government in September 1944, resigned (with 5 other Ministers) in August 1945.
- ✓ [iii] CHOLAKOV: Professor Stanko CHOLAKOV, appointed Minister of Education in the Fatherland Front Government in September 1944, replaced as such by 30 September 1945.
- ✓ [iv] BOSWALL: William Evelyn HOUSTOUN-BOSWALL, British Political Representative in BULGARIA from February 1945.
- [v] RILA Monastery: 42.08N 23.21E, BULGARIA.
- ✓ [vi] ShELK: ie "SILK"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in SOFIA's Nos. 48 of 22 November 1945 and 8, 3, 11 of 2, 4 and 8 January 1946 (all unpublished).
- ✓ [vii] KIRSANOV: Stepan Pavlovich KIRSANOV, Soviet Minister to BULGARIA.
- ✓ [viii] BIRYuzOV: Colonel-General Sergej Semenovitch BIRYuzOV, Soviet Member and Deputy Chairman, Allied Control Commission, BULGARIA.

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